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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO JORDAN

1. PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH KHALIFEH BEN SALMAN AAL KHALIFEH, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY, AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND ECONOMY, VISITED JORDAN 21-23 DECEMBER. HE HAD AUDIENCE WITH KING HUSSEIN, TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI, BRIEFINGS BY SENIOR OFFICERS OF JORDAN'S HOUSING BANK, ARMED FORCES AND PUBLIC SECURITY DIRECTORATE, NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, MEDICAL COMPLEX, AND UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN. AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE INTENDED TO ALLOW DUTY-FREE TRADE IN AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS. AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT, VISITING PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR JORDAN'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ITS MILITARY HELP IN CONTRIBUTING TO BUILDING BAHRAINI DEFENSE FORCE, LAUDED JORDAN'S INITIATIVES TO INCREASE ARAB COOPERATION, HAILED JORDAN'S CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH SYRIA, AND COMMENDED JORDAN'S POSITION ON PALESTINE ISSUE.

2. COMMENT: GOJ OBVIOUSLY PLEASED BY KHALIFEH'S VISIT AND ABUNDANT PRAISE WHICH WAS PART OF FORTNIGHT OF VIP SOJOURNS
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TO AMMAN. WHILE BAHRAIN PRIME MINISTER WAS SANWICHED

BETWEEN AND THUS OVERSHADOWED BY VISITS OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT
ASAD AND SAUDI ARABIA KING KHALID, HE NONETHELESS RECEIVED
HIS DUE OF PUBLICITY AND CONTRIBUTED TO JORDAN'S SOUGHT-AFTER
IMAGE AS IMPORTANT STATE IN ARAB WORLD WITH GOOD AND USEFUL
RELATIONS IN REGION.
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